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Members of Environment Committee:

My name is Steve Sack Jr., I own Sack Distributors, a 4<sup>th</sup> generation company that operates terminals throughout Connecticut, where we sell heating oil and other petroleum products to retail heating oil dealers.

I am here today **in support of S.B. 382 AN ACT REQUIRING BIODIESEL BLENDED HEATING OIL AND LOWERING THE SULFUR CONTENT OF HEATING OIL SOLD IN THE STATE.**

This proposed bill benefits the environment, small businesses and consumers. From a wholesale perspective this legislation will facilitate greater competition in the sale of off road diesel to the benefit of consumers.

Several years ago the federal government required a reduction of sulfur in the sale of fuel used for off road purposes. Before that change, we sold heating oil to heat homes and for off road activities (i.e. construction projects). Once the federal government made changes to the sulfur rules we would have been required to store three different products – heating oil, on road diesel and off road diesel.

Small wholesalers like myself and several larger wholesalers could not accommodate storage of three different products. Unfortunately, our company and many like us had to make a decision to not offer off road diesel in a way that was easily assessable to most retailers. This bill addresses that problem.

Reducing the sulfur content of heating oil would allow us to store heating oil and on road diesel with no additional storage needed for off road diesel. Making that change allows small mom and pop retailers to once again compete for off road diesel business where most are unable to do that today.

In addition to the environmental benefit's, wholesalers who could not afford to store the extra off road diesel will once again compete, retailers who could not obtain off road diesel will once again compete and ultimately consumers will win!

My company welcomes a cleaner fuel that allows us to more widely compete for off road diesel business and the ability to server our customers who were practically regulated out of the off road diesel business by the federal government.

If you have any questions I would welcome to opportunity to address them.

Respectfully,  
Steve Sack Jr.